

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title of this application with the following new title:

~~System And Method For~~ An Improved Auto-Boating Process

Please replace the third paragraph on page 5, starting on line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

Generally, boat 102 is used as a carrier for tape substrate 106 during the fabrication of integrated circuits and boat clip 104 secures tape substrate 106 to boat 102. Boat clip 104 facilitates the die attach process for tape substrate 106 by including a plurality of windows 110 formed therein that expose die attach regions 108 on tape substrate 106. Both boat 102 and boat clip 104 may be formed from any suitable material; however, boat 102 and boat clip 104 are typically formed from a suitable metal.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGURE 3D illustrates the retraction of end sleeves 109 from between boat clip 104 and boat 102, as denoted by arrows 306. Because width 302 is relatively small, end sleeves may be easily removed from between boat clip 104 and boat 102 without damaging end portions 111 and 113 of tape substrate 106, which may be formed of material such as polyimide. Any suitable automated machine may function to retract or remove end sleeves 109 therefrom.